GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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Warehouse Infrastructure Fund
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) Warehouse Infrastructure Fund (WIF) have been beneficial in expansion of warehouses and other cold storage infrastructure development in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated during the last three years State/UT-wise;

(c) whether there is a proposal to give discounts in interest rate of loan to SC/ST/ OBC persons in WIF;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to promote NABARD WIF in rural India?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance

(a) & (b): National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)has informed that the Warehouse Infrastructure Fund (WIF) was set up in NABARD for expansion of warehouses and other cold storage infrastructure development in rural areas. The state-wise sanction of funds under WIF 2013-14 and WIF 2014-15 (as on 31 October 2016) and the capacity envisaged (in Lakh Metric Ton) under WIF, as reported by NABARD, is given in Annex. NABARD has reported that no separate fund has been allocated for 2015-16 and 2016-17 under WIF.

(c) & (d): NABARD has informed that there is no proposal to give discounts in interest rate of loan to SC / ST /OBC persons under WIF.

(e): The following major steps have been taken to promote WIF in rural India:

i. The scheme was widely propagated by NABARD during 2013-14 and 2014-15. Brochures were printed by NABARD and supplied to the State Government Corporations, potential individuals and companies. Stakeholder meetings were held by NABARD at its Head Office, Mumbai and in some of the States involving State Government agencies and private individuals.

ii. The Scheme was promoted through NABARD Regional Offices in various states which resulted in 18 State Govt./ State Govt. owned entities availing loans aggregating to Rs.8856 crore for creating scientific storage for meeting their food security and procurement activities.

Annex referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of USQ No.2820 for 2.12.2016
Warehouse Infrastructure Fund (WIF) − Sanction and Capacity Envisaged
(Rs. Crore)

Sr. No.	State	Sanction	Capacity Envisaged (Lakh MT)
		WIF 2013-14	WIF 2014-15
1	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	342.00 6.00
2	Assam	0.00	47.16 0.10
3	Bihar	488.83	794.15 12.98
4	Chhattisgarh	79.66	0.00 3.01
5	Gujarat	638.57	291.37 10.81
6	Haryana	63.42	44.29 2.82
7	Himachal Pradesh	0.00	8.55 0.03
8	Karnataka	101.50	904.90 12.88
9	Kerala	44.09	1.66 0.54
10	Maharashtra	5.65	0.00 0.16
11	Mizoram	31.05	0.00 0.08
12	Odisha	77.34	1,000.06 9.23
13	Punjab	210.95	6.80 5.20
14	Rajasthan	8.17	151.81 2.46
15	Tamil Nadu	691.37	763.91 9.44
16	Telangana	0.00	972.79 17.08

17 Tripura 5.24 12.53 0.17
18 West Bengal 680.44 259.27 3.16
19 (Multi-State)Private Sector 128.00 0.00 3.75
TOTAL 3,254.28 5,601.26 99.91

Source: NABARD